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It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2003 be extended for a period of two month(s) from August 5, 2003, to and including October 5, 2003, which day is a Sunday, making this response due on October 6, 2003.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$420.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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